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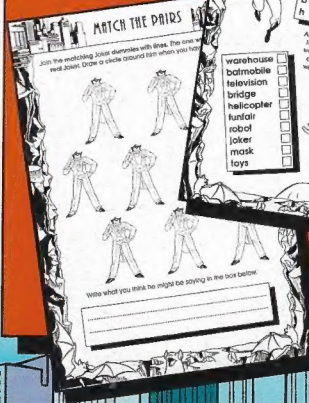
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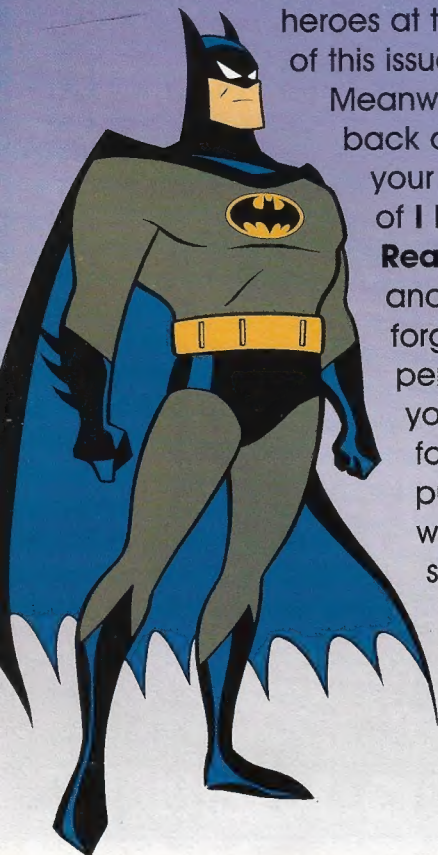
Welcome to this brand new comic, **I Love to Read Batman**, created especially for you.

The latest Batman movie is out now so this month's issue of **I Love to Read Batman** is dedicated to Batman alone. However, in future issues you will not only be able to read about Batman, the Dark Knight, but you will get to meet and enjoy adventures with some of DC Comics' other super heroes including Superman, Wonder Woman, the Flash, the Atom and Green Lantern to name but a few. Find out more

about these super heroes at the back of this issue.

Meanwhile sit back and enjoy your first issue of **I Love to Read Batman** and don't forget your pencil as you'll need it for the great pull-out workbook section.

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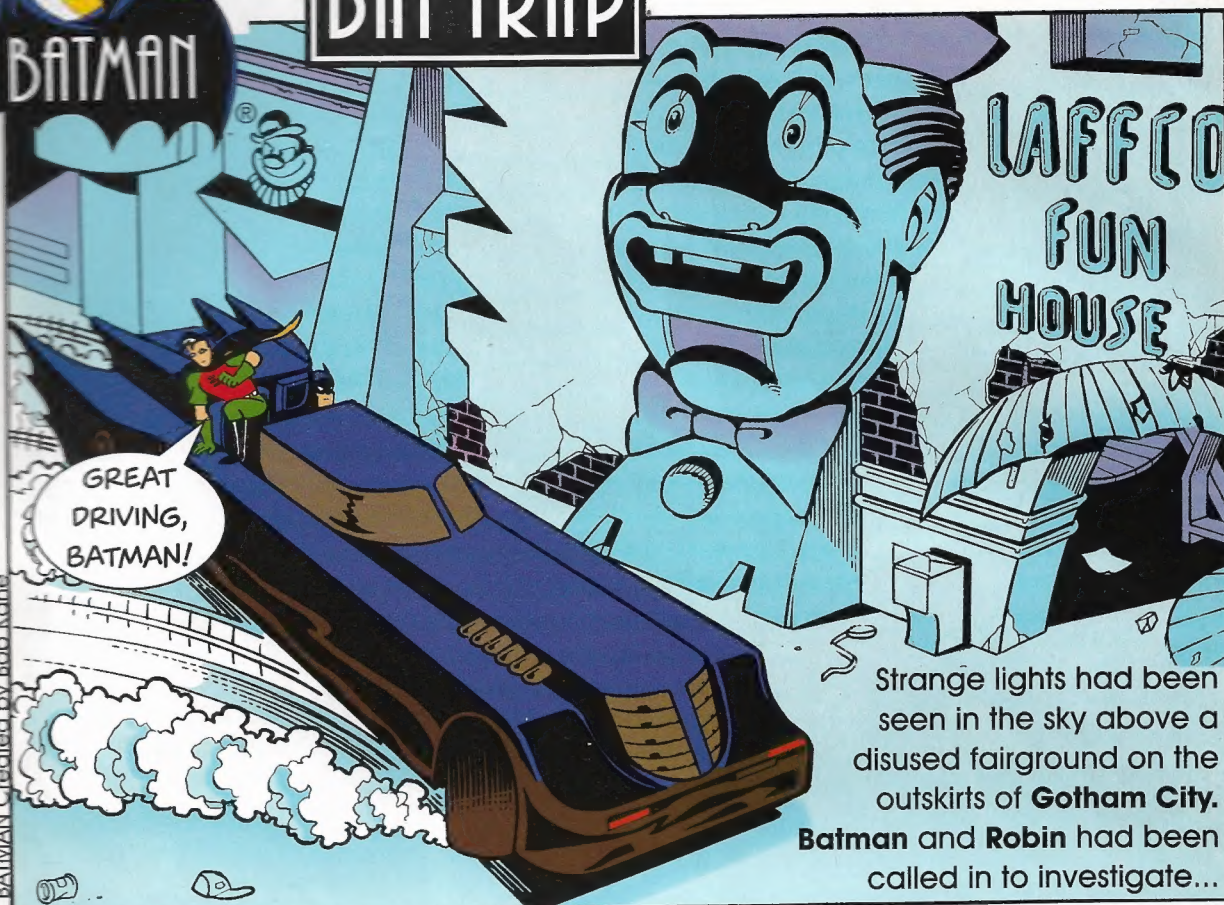




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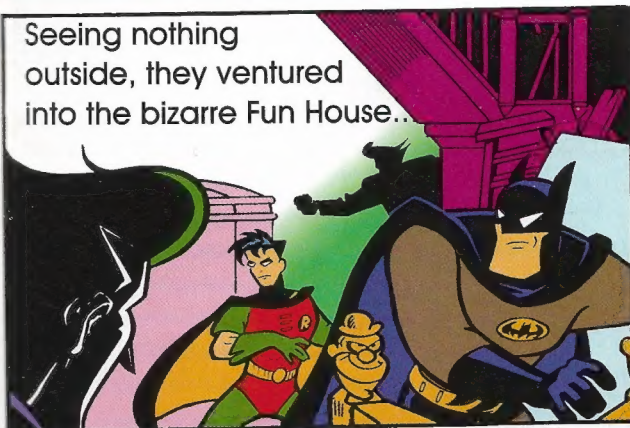
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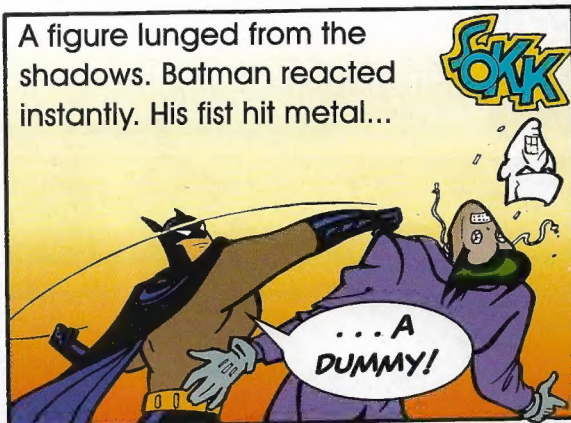
GREAT  
DRIVING,  
BATMAN!

Strange lights had been seen in the sky above a disused fairground on the outskirts of **Gotham City**. **Batman** and **Robin** had been called in to investigate...

Seeing nothing outside, they ventured into the bizarre Fun House...

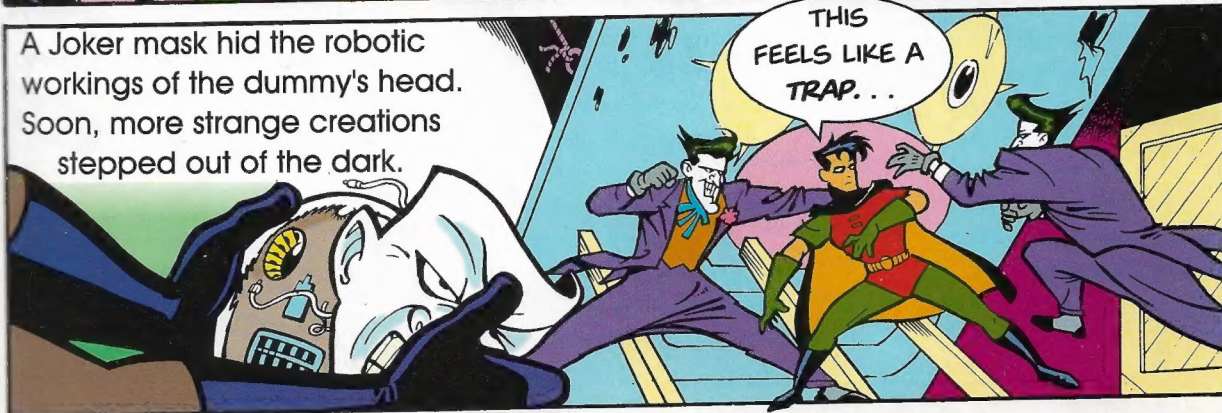


A figure lunged from the shadows. Batman reacted instantly. His fist hit metal...



A Joker mask hid the robotic workings of the dummy's head. Soon, more strange creations stepped out of the dark.

THIS  
FEELS LIKE A  
TRAP...





But not all were dummies . . .

I'M THE  
REAL THING, YOU  
DUMMY!

It was one of Batman's deadliest enemies, the **Joker**. He dragged Robin through a secret panel...

S' LONG  
BATS...

ROBIN!

Manned by his henchman, a helicopter landed on the roof and the Joker was able to escape.

I MUST  
FLY! HAI HA!  
HAI!

Later, in the Batcave, Batman accessed the city's networks, seeking data on the Joker masks.

THEIR  
SERIAL  
NUMBERS ARE  
MY ONLY  
CLUE...

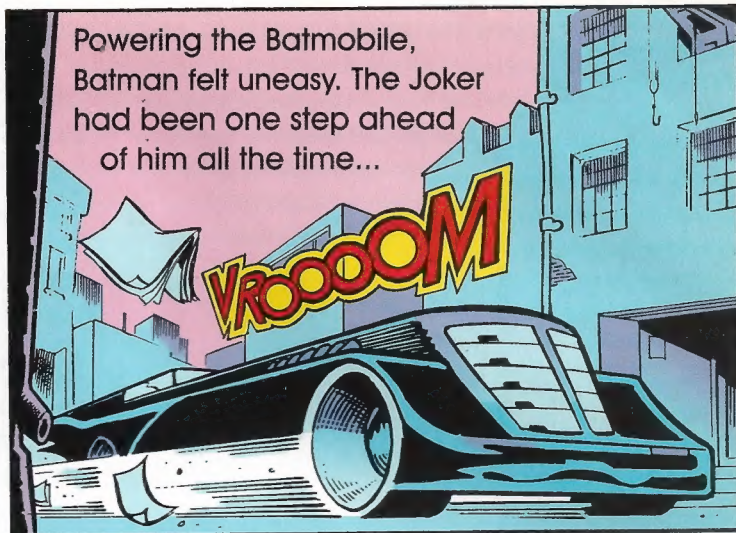
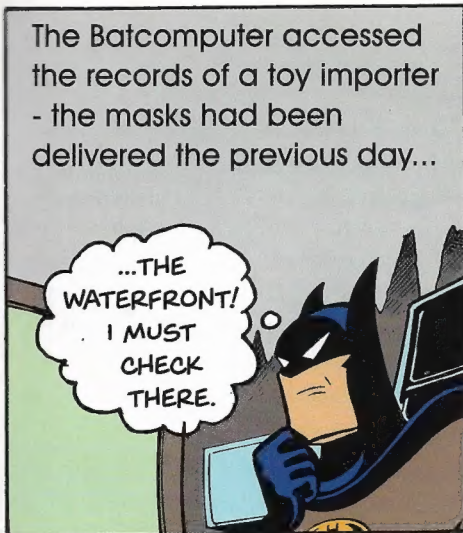
Robin awoke on the top floor of a waterfront warehouse.

UNCOMFORTABLE?  
WELL, YOU'RE BOUND  
TO BE - HA! HA! HA!

Robin wasn't afraid. He snapped at the Joker, "Batman's the World's Greatest Detective, he'll find this place."

THAT'S THE  
PLAN, STUPID.







The Joker was hysterical. "At last, I've iced Batman and it was on **Live TV!** Ha, Ha!" But Robin was not dismayed...

THE JOKE'S ON YOU. . !

Batman had been driving the Batmobile by **remote control** when it blew up and soon he came swinging into the warehouse.

OH, NO!

The henchmen were no match for the Dark Knight. The Joker, stunned to see Batman alive, was an easy target for Robin who had worked out Batman's plan.

KRAK

THOK

"I knew you'd give me a **sign.**" said Robin. "The skid into the wall showed me that it wasn't you driving..."

SLICE

...YOUR **REAL** DRIVING IS **MUCH** TOO GOOD FOR THAT..!



# BATMAN™ COMPETITION

**4** TWO IN ONE BATMOBILES  
WITH FIGURES PLUS  
**92** BATMAN, ROBIN OR VILLAIN  
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**H**asbro have a colourful array of Batman characters and dynamic vehicle toys from Batman - The Animated Series. Here is a fantastic chance for **I Love to Read Batman** readers to win one of Hasbro's Batmobiles plus Batman, Robin and villain figures.

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Name.....Age.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....



Gotham City Police  
Department

# CRIME REPORT

*File Number:* GC/1801 -3653651

*Filing Officer:* Policewoman Renee Montoya

*To:* Commissioner James Gordon

Officer Delaware and myself were on compound duty at Gotham City Central Courts when the police personnel carrier arrived at 4:02am. High risk prisoners are routinely transported before sunrise, and the man due for trial that morning certainly falls in that category.

It shocks many on the force, myself included, to recall that Two-Face was once the city's respected District Attorney, Harvey Dent. But for the explosion which badly scarred his face and warped his mind, turning him to crime, he would have been the scourge of the underworld, not one of its leading figures.

Dent's transfer to the carrier at Arkham Asylum had been overseen by the Batman. He had 'phoned when the vehicle left, to say it had gone better than he had expected.

The carrier's driver, an honest, highly-trusted civilian named Marvin Quist, signalled to us that all had gone well with the journey.

As a consequence, Officer

Delaware and myself expected no problems when we opened the carrier's outer door. There was a problem, however - Two-Face was no longer inside.





The alarm was raised immediately. Quist insisted that nothing unusual had happened on the drive, except for a slight delay at some downtown road-works. The night crew there had stopped him while some equipment was moved clear. Quist's reputation convinced us that he was telling the truth.

We were forming the opinion that Dent must have been sprung from the carrier at the road-works when the Batman thundered into the compound astride the Batcycle. He had clearly broken every Gotham City speed limit to have arrived so quickly. Charges, I suspect, will not be brought, however.

While we informed him that Dent had somehow vanished from the vehicle, the Batman circled the carrier. Then he pounced. He gripped Quist, pulled him to the ground and pinned him to a wall. "Where's Dent?" he growled, in a voice heavy with menace.

I protested strongly at the masked vigilante's rough treatment of a man I believed to be innocent and trustworthy.

"The carrier I put Dent in had faint scratches on its rear fender," The Batman replied. "The carrier this man was driving doesn't." He tightened his grip on Quist.

I was about to demand that the Batman release Quist, when the driver cracked.





"Alright," he gasped. "I'm not Marvin! Please - put me down, and I'll talk."

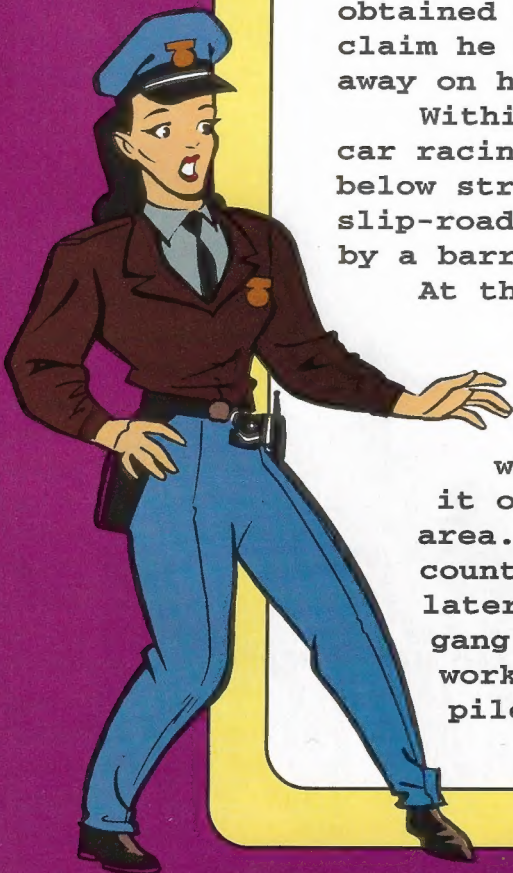
The Batman's hold scarcely slackened. Fearfully, the man revealed that he was Morton Quist, Marvin's crooked, identical twin brother. Recently, Marvin had let slip the route he would be taking to drive Dent to court. Looking for a big pay-off, Morton approached Dent's gang and an ambush plan was hatched.

Marvin's carrier was hijacked and taken to Nick's, an underworld garage, where a second carrier was waiting. The number-plates were switched, then Morton, pretending to be his honest brother, drove the second vehicle to the courts. Dent was still in the first carrier at Nick's, where the gang was trying to free him.

"Typical of Two-Face's split personality to use a double," the Batman remarked, as he ran to his Batcycle. I asked him to wait while I obtained a squad car. No doubt he'll claim he didn't hear me as he roared away on his machine.

Within minutes I was in a squad car racing to Nick's garage, which is below street level. It is reached via a slip-road off Boulevard Street, guarded by a barrier.

At the entrance, the barrier arm lay in pieces on the tarmac - it wasn't hard to guess who had driven through it. I drove onto the slip-road, which spiralled downwards until it opened out at the main garage area. Stepping out of the car, I counted eight men, all confirmed later to be members of Dent's gang, lying unconscious across work benches, car-bonnets and piles of tyres.





The real Marvin Quist was sitting on a bench. Several short lengths of rope, which had obviously just been cut to free him, lay by his feet. He looked unharmed, if a little shaky.

The Batman was at the rear of the original personnel carrier, shutting its outer door. As it closed, I glimpsed a snarling, furious Dent within, still locked in the internal cage.

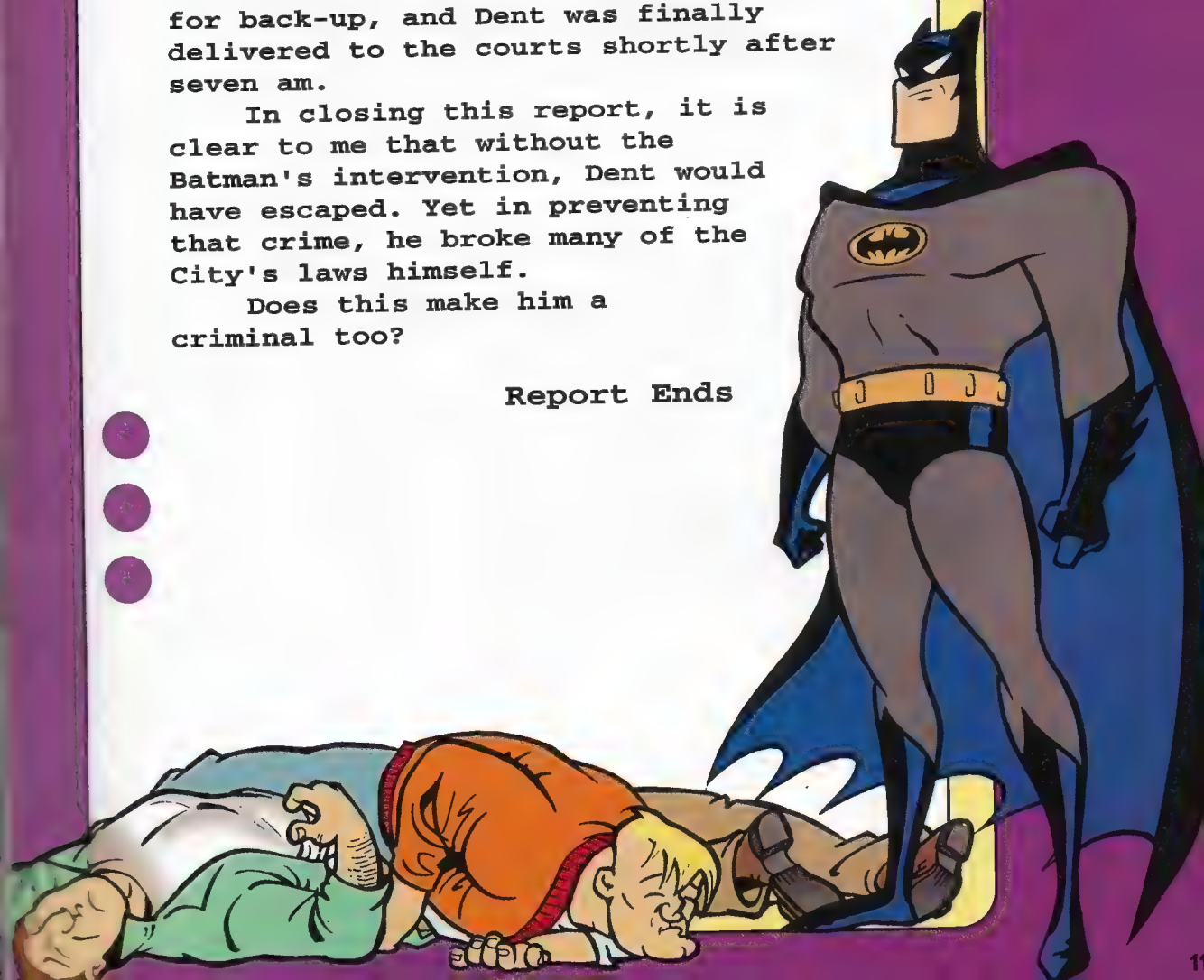
"His gang was using a thermal lance to cut Two-Face free. I managed to stop them in time," the Batman informed me. I looked around at the bruised, unconscious henchmen scattered around the garage.

The Batman then mounted his Batcycle and left at a speed which bordered on the reckless. I called for back-up, and Dent was finally delivered to the courts shortly after seven am.

In closing this report, it is clear to me that without the Batman's intervention, Dent would have escaped. Yet in preventing that crime, he broke many of the City's laws himself.

Does this make him a criminal too?

Report Ends







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BATMAN



# BATMAN<sup>TM</sup> WORKBOOK

## WRITING

Batman is writing his report about the events in the "Bat Trap" story. Write your own report on what happened on the Batcomputer screen.





# HIDDEN SENTENCE

Cross out all the 'HAHA's in this sentence to discover what  
the Joker is saying.

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CHANAK!**

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HEE HEE!  
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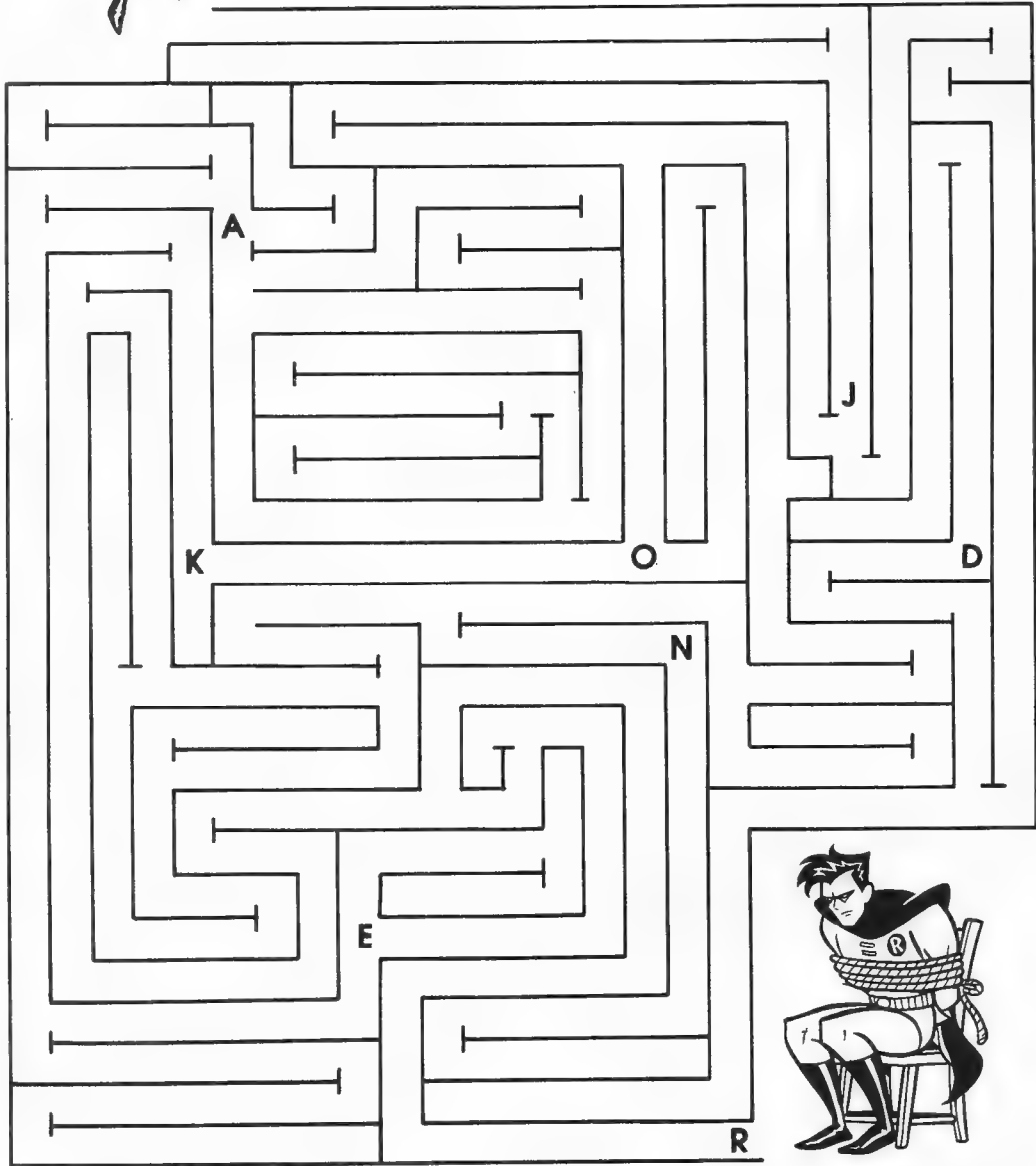
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# MAZE



Batman is going to rescue Robin, who has been tied up by one of their arch-enemies. By following the correct route, you will spell the name of who did it.



Write the word in this box:

ANSWER: JOKER



# ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from the "Bat Trap" story. Put them in the **correct order** (1-6) and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



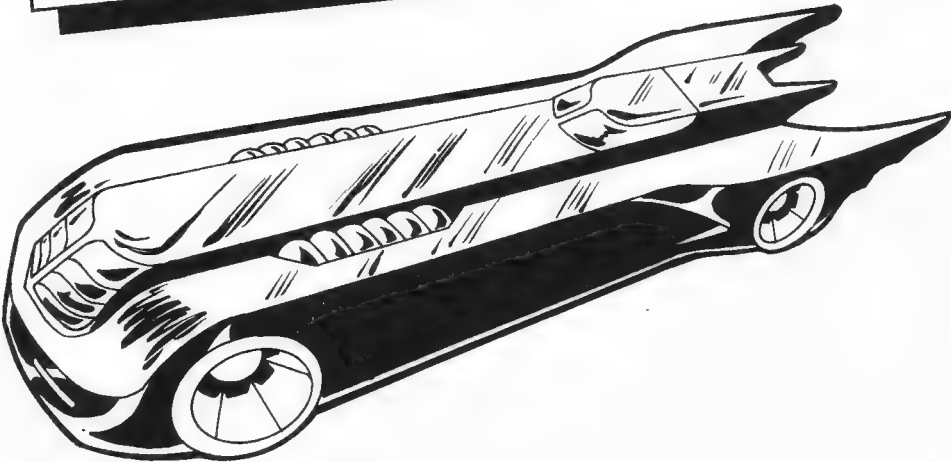
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# ANAGRAMS

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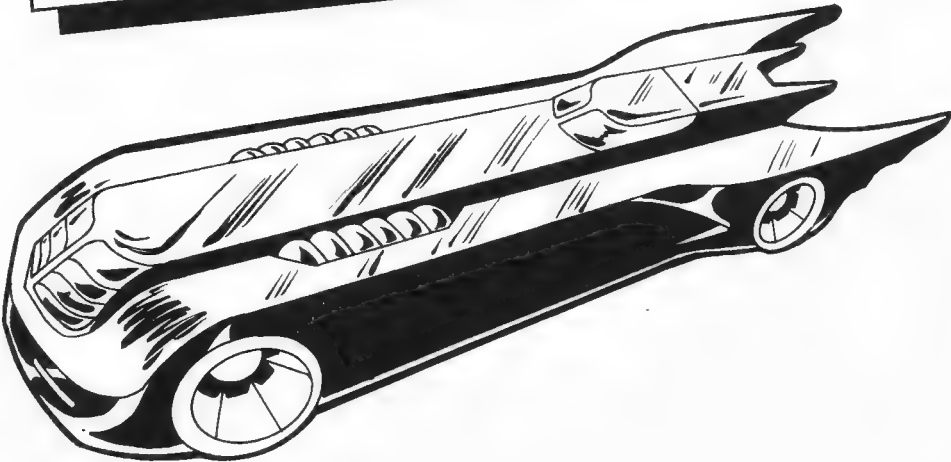
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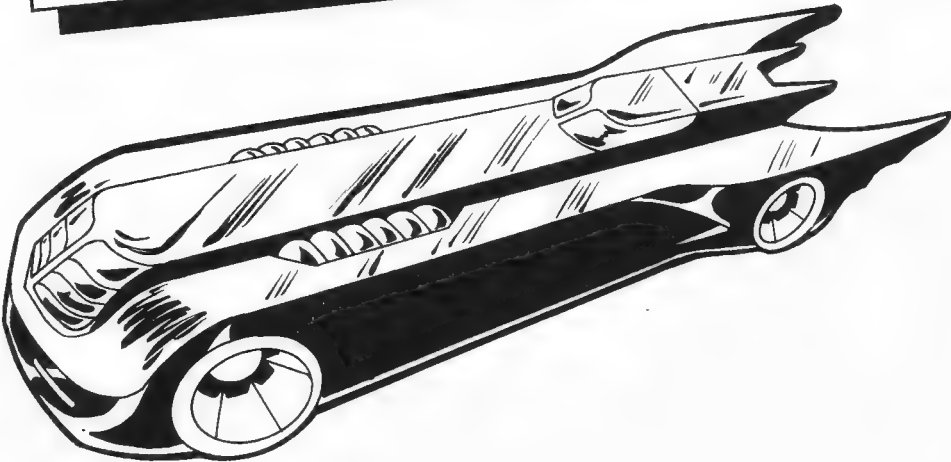
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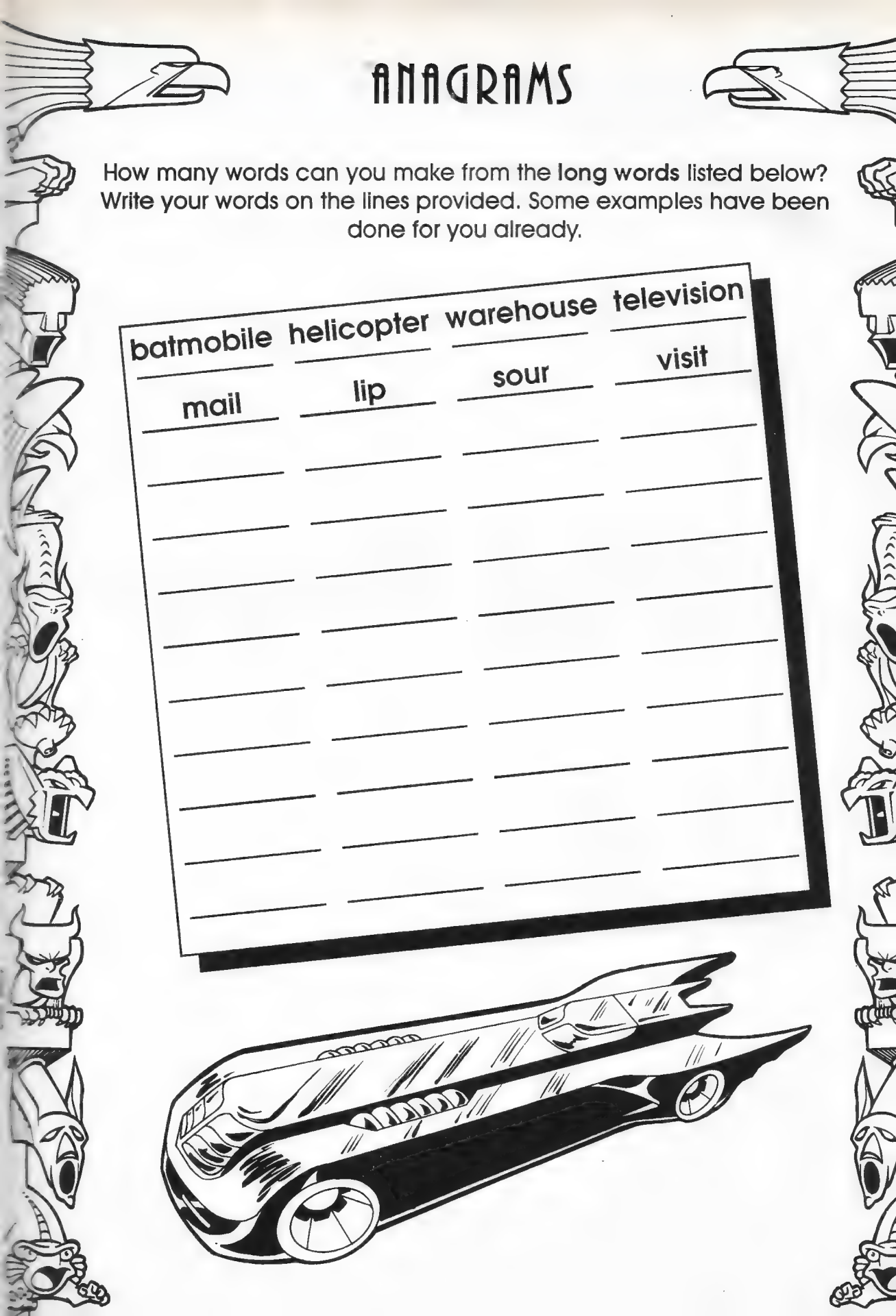


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# SEARCH AND FIND

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r b a f t u n n l o f  
e a b r i d g e h b u  
n t e l e v i s i o n  
d m t e l h o f k t f  
l o j o y t o y s j a  
r b e e g b r u i o i  
y i r a d i m a s k r  
b l o a w h l o p e r  
h e l i c o p t e r n

All the words in the list below can be found in this wordsearch. They are written diagonally, downwards and across. Draw around each word when you have found it and then tick it off the list

warehouse ☐  
batmobile ☐  
television ☐  
bridge ☐  
helicopter ☐  
funfair ☐  
robot ☐  
joker ☐  
mask ☐  
toys ☐





# MATCH THE PAIRS

There are four pairs of Joker dummies below. Join each pair with lines. The one which is left is the real Joker. When you have found the real Joker, draw a circle around him.



Write what you think he might be saying in the box below.




# COLOURING

Take your coloured pens and pencils and colour in this dynamic picture of Batman and Robin.







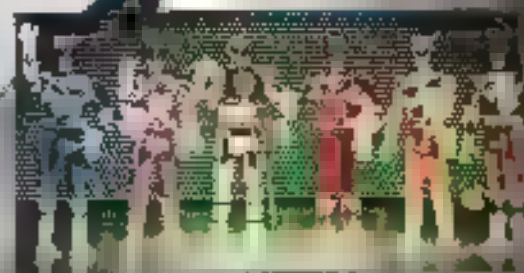


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**COLLECT THEM  
 WHILE YOU CAN**



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# THE HERO FILE

A.K.A. The Dark Knight

Also Known As: Bruce Wayne

Occupation:  
Billionaire socialite

Known Relatives:  
Mr. Thomas Wayne  
(father deceased);  
Martha Wayne  
(mother deceased)

Base of Operations:  
Gotham City

Partner: Robin (A.K.A.  
Dick Grayson)

Group Affiliation:  
Justice League America  
(reserve member)

First Appearance:  
Detective Comics #27  
[May 1939]

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 210 pounds

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Black

Batman created by  
Bob Kane



# BATMAN



**G**otham City is a nightmare. Crime stalks its streets like a wild beast, and many ordinary citizens live in fear. The police do their best, but in the most dangerous city on earth ever they need help.

That help came in the form of a vigilante, a hero, afraid of nothing and no one. In true Gotham style, its greatest defender was born from a night of violence and pain.

Bruce Wayne was only eight years old when both his parents were shot, killed before his eyes by a mugger. As a storm raged, Bruce knelt at their graves and made a grief-stricken vow. He swore that he would devote his life to fighting crime. And he made one other vow: He would never kill. Having watched his own parents die, he knew no one has the right to take another's life. From that moment on he dedicated himself to learning the skills he would one day need.

Bruce grew up at Wayne Mansion, cared for only by his father's loyal butler, Alfred Pennyworth, and Dr. Leslie Thompkins, an old family friend. They worried about Bruce, who spent his time alone, reading or exploring the vast building and its grounds.

Through his teenage years, Bruce remained a boy apart. A brilliant scholar and world-class athlete, he exasperated his teachers by showing no interest in academic glory and even less in organized sport.

When he inherited the family fortune at age eighteen, Bruce began to travel. He studied forensic detection in Paris, and criminal behavior in London. In Africa he learned how to track anything, and in Asia he learned martial arts from the world's masters.

After five years, Bruce thought he was ready. But his first night as a crime fighter was a disaster. The crooks he challenged weren't afraid, and they didn't surrender. He defeated the criminals but almost lost his life.

Bruce was in despair. He sat in the dimly lit library lost in bitter thoughts of failure. Suddenly the window was shattered, and into the room flew

a huge bat. Its fierce eyes shone red, and its fangs were bared. For a moment, Bruce was terrified, and then realized he had the answer.

Like the fearsome bat, Bruce Wayne would become a creature of the night, a predator who would prey on criminals.

In that instant, the Batman was born.

Taking only he trusted Alfred into his confidence, Bruce designed the perfect costume. A deep cavern beneath the house, discovered on one of Bruce's boyhood expeditions, became the Batcave. The Wayne millions helped provide a forensic laboratory, supercomputers, and the Batmobile. He perfected the tools of his trade—the Batarang, the Kat-grapple, and the ultrastrong Batline. Each pouch on his Utility Belt would hold a different crime-fighting aid.

One day after hoodlums killed the parents of teenage acrobat Dick Grayson, Bruce Wayne took the boy under his wing. When Bruce revealed his secret identity to Dick, the teenager soon became Batman's partner. He adopted the name Robin and quickly earned his place by Batman's side.

Early on, Batman helped out James Gordon, Gotham's toughest and most honest cop. When Jim was eventually promoted to Police Commissioner, he installed a searchlight on the roof of Police Headquarters. When danger threatens, it casts the Bat-Signal high into the night skies.

Villains like the Joker, Two-Face, Catwoman, the Redder, Scarecrow, the Penguin, and Poison Ivy have clashed with Batman many times. Yet only one has managed to break him—the evil Bane, who severely injured Batman and took over the Gotham underworld.

But Batman wasn't finished. The city needed its

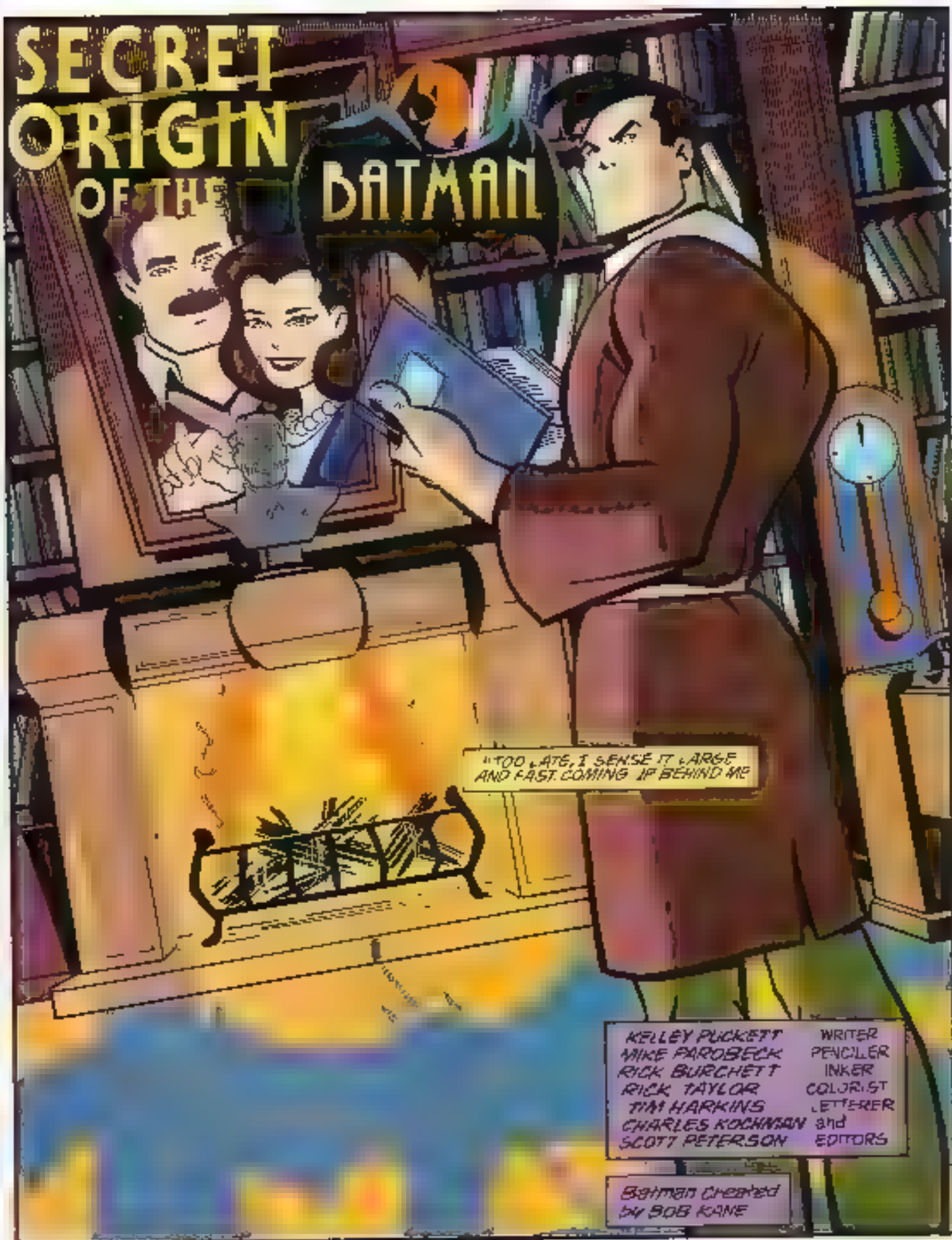
Dark Knight more than ever. For many months, Bruce toiled on a punishing physical and mental program that brought him back to peak fitness.

After an epic battle that spanned the city, Bane was finally defeated. And high above the crime-ridden streets, the Batman continues to guard the Gotham night.

—ALAN GRANT



# SECRET ORIGIN OF THE BATMAN



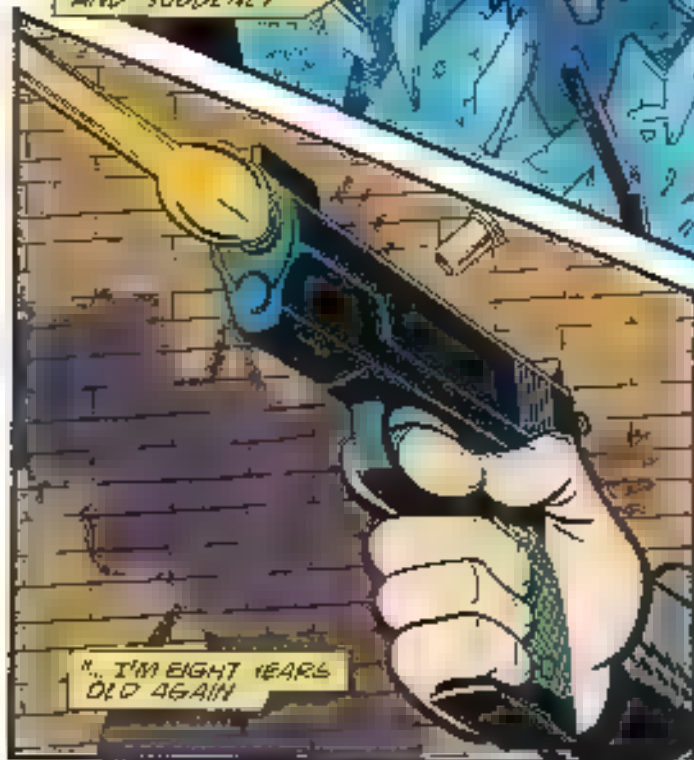
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"I FREEZE AT THE SIGHT OF THIS MONSTER. A JOLT OF FEAR SHOTS THROUGH MY SPINE AND SUDDENLY



"... I'M EIGHT YEARS OLD AGAIN



"... WATCHING MY PARENTS DIE



"I STAND, MESMERIZED, AS IT SPEEDS  
TOWARD ME ON LEATHER WINGS

THAT AWFUL CHITTLING SOUND,  
I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE



"AT THE GRAVEYARD, THE NIGHT I  
TOOK MY OATH, THE NIGHT I DEDICATED  
MY LIFE TO AVENGING MY PARENTS'  
DEATHS

"FINALLY, AT THE LAST INSTANT A  
DECADE OF TRAINING MAKES ME  
MOVE







"FOR SIXTEEN YEARS, I'VE KNOWN  
WHAT I WANTED TO DO WITH MY  
LIFE.



"WAGE WAR  
ON THOSE WHO  
WOULD KILL.  
MAKE CRIMINALS  
FEAR ME,  
JUST AS I ONCE  
FEARED THEM.



"NOW I KNOW HOW.



"I SHALL BECOME A BAT."





IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF...



# BATMAN

There will be more exciting comic strip stories with Batman to read, including "Hunt the Batman" in which Batman finds himself wanted by the police.

**Superman** will also appear in his own comic-strip story, "The Mechanical Monsters". You will read how Jimmy Olsen, a young photographer for the Metropolis Daily Planet and Superman's friend, gets himself and Superman into a bit of a tight squeeze...



Picture: Mike Machelski; Inset: Rick Saito

You will also be able to cut out and keep a **great double-page poster** of Superman along with a **Hero File** for you to add to your Batman Hero File from this issue of **I Love to Read Batman**. And of course there will be yet another 8 page pull-out workbook for you.

**PLUS**

## A GREAT COMPETITION!

You will have a chance to win a **Batman & Robin Mega Drive Game** from **SEGA!** Another great reason to buy the next issue of **I Love to Read Batman**.

### WHO'S WHO ON THE PULL-OUT POSTER



**LOOK  
OUT FOR  
FUTURE  
ISSUES OF  
I LOVE TO  
READ  
BATMAN!**



Art: Ty Templeton

Along with more Batman stories, read about Wonder Woman's exciting adventure 'Truth or Dare' in the third issue of **I Love to Read Batman**, plus much, much more...



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